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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7535**
Masahiko HASHIMOTO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004_1571A
Serial No. 10/510,348 : Group Art Unit 2855
Filed October 6, 2004 : Examiner Thompson, Jewel V.
ULTRASONIC SENSOR : **Mail Stop PETITION**

PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is hereby petitioned that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn.

The facts necessitating this petition are as follows:

1. On October 12, 2005 Group Art Unit 2855 issued a Non-Final Office Action in the above application, setting a 3 month shortened statutory period for response;

2. On April 12, 2006, i.e. within the extended statutory period for response, Applicants filed a Petition for a three month Extension of Time in addition to a response to the Office Action of October 12, 2005.

3. In support of the fact of filing such response, enclosed is a copy of the postcard date stamped received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the Response was received.

4. On April 18, 2006 Group Art Unit 2855 issued a Form PTO-1432 "Notice of Abandonment" alleging that the above-identified application is abandoned since "no reply has been received" to the Office Action of October 12, 2005.

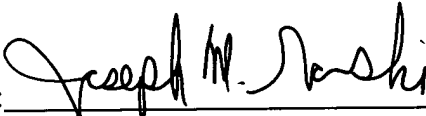
As is apparent from the above, the holding of abandonment of this application is incorrect. Thus, there is no abandonment in fact in this application, since the response to the October 12, 2005 Office Action was timely filed.

In view of the above, it is requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Please note that on April 27, 2006, Applicants' undersigned representative spoke with Examiner Thompson, who indicated that the April 12th response has in fact been received by the PTO. Accordingly, a copy of the response is not provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Patent Office Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
2. Petition for Extension of Time
3. Additional Claims Fee Transmittal Letter
4. Amendment
5. Submission of Replacement Formal Drawings (2 sheets, A4 paper)
6. Substitute Specification and Abstract (marked up copy)
7. Substitute Specification and Abstract (clean copy)
8. Check in the Amount of \$1,670.00



Date: April 12, 2006

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